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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: LME Directors**

**FROM: Mike Moseley** 

**RE: Discontinuation of the DD-COI (Developmental Disabilities-Client Outcomes Inventory)**

The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services will cease requiring Local Management Entities to submit completed DD-COI forms beginning April 1, 2007. The low numbers of DD-COI submissions over the past two years have made it difficult to generate reliable program results at the Local Management Entity (LME) level. Developmental disability measures collected through the DD-COI will therefore be incorporated in the North Carolina Treatment Outcomes and Program Performance System (NC TOPPS) in the next fiscal year to enable the Division to present findings specific to each LME.

In the meantime, data on developmental disabilities will continue to be collected through the National Core Indicators (NCI). The NCI, a 23-state project of which North Carolina is a participant, gathers information on individual, family, health and safety outcomes from consumers with developmental disabilities and their guardians annually. This year, North Carolina is expanding its sample to make the survey more representative of the general population; the larger sample will also allow findings to be generated for each LME.

The Division is currently reviewing developmental disability measures for inclusion in NC TOPPS. The goal is to have an instrument appropriate for consumers with developmental disabilities ready for implementation in SFY 2008-2009.

Please ensure that the LME staff members responsible for managing the collection and analysis of data are informed of the discontinuation of the DD-COI effective April 1, 2007.



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